

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. F-2-20

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Methodist Episcopal Church of Petersville (preferred)  
other Faith Reformed Church (historic); Petersville Town Hall (historic)

### 2. Location

street and number 1341 Jefferson Pike not for publication  
city, town Petersville X vicinity  
county Frederick

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Joan P. Porter and Michael J. Wozny  
street and number 1213 Jefferson Pike telephone 301-834-5357  
city, town Brunswick state MD zip code 21716

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. County Courthouse liber 3136 folio 131  
city, town Frederick tax map 92 tax parcel 214 tax ID number 12-294123

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☒ Other: Frederick County Register of Historic Places, listed November 13, 2001

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
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<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	2
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			1

## FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

APPLICATION NO. CR 01-02HPC HEARING DATE 3 Oct. 01Recommendation FavorableDATE RECEIVED  
AND ACCEPTED 14 Sept. 01BOCC HEARING DATE 13 Nov 01Listed 13 Nov 01PLANNING REGION Brunswick

Returned for info \_\_\_\_\_

Denied \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF POSTING 19 Sept. 01FREDERICK COUNTY REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACESNOMINATION FORM

Please refer to separate detailed instructions for completing this form.

Definitions

"Property" refers to the entire geographic area being nominated. It may be an individual building, site, structure, or object; or it may be a district or a landscape consisting of numerous buildings, sites, structures, or objects. For example, a farmstead consisting of a main dwelling, outbuildings, barns, sheds, fences, and agricultural fields is a property that is a district. A town or neighborhood consisting of several types of structures with different owners is also a property that is a district.

Nomination Information

Please print or type

1. Name of property: Methodist Episcopal Church of Petersville (historic),  
Faith Reformed Church (historic), Petersville Town Hall (historic)

2. Address of property: 1341 Jefferson Pike

3. Tax Map and Parcel Number: Map 92, Parcel 214  
For districts or landscapes on more than one parcel, attach a list on a separate sheet and enter "see attached list" above.

4. Name, address, and phone number of all property owners of record:  
Attach a list on a separate sheet, if necessary.

Joan Paine Porter and Michael J. Wozny

1213 Jefferson Pike, Knoxville, MD. 21758

5. Description of property boundaries: The boundaries of the nominated property are those described by the 1993 survey of the property of both Parcel 1 and Parcel 2 by Haller Assoc. and shown on the attached plat.

6. Attach a map showing the boundaries and location of the property.

7. Please provide photographs or slides showing the important structures or features of the property.

8. A. Is this property, or any part of it, listed in the Frederick County Inventory of Historic Properties?        No   X   Yes

If yes, enter the name under which it is listed and the Inventory number:

Methodist Episcopal Church of Petersville

- B. Is this property, or any part of it, already listed on or nominated to the Frederick County Register of Historic Places?   X   No        Yes

If yes, enter the name under which it was nominated or listed, date of nomination or listing, street address or Tax Map and Parcel Number, and name, address, and phone number of property owner(s).

- C. Is this property, or any part of it, listed on or nominated to the Maryland Register of Historic Places? ☒ No ☒ Yes

If yes, enter the name under which it was nominated or listed, street address or Tax Map and Parcel Number, and name, address, and phone number of property owner(s).

Methodist Episcopal Church of Petersville (F-2-20)

- D. Is this property, or any part of it, listed on or nominated to the National Register of Historic Places? ☒ No ☐ Yes

If yes, enter the name under which it was nominated or listed, street address or Tax Map and Parcel Number, and name, address, and phone number of property owner(s).

- E. Is this property, or any part of it, protected under a preservation easement to any historical organization or agency? ☒ No ☐ Yes

If yes, enter the name, address, and phone number of the easement holder and the name of a contact person.

9. Please indicate which of the following criteria apply to the property. Check all that apply.

- A. Historic, archeological, and cultural significance:

☒ The property has significant character, interest, or value as part of the development, heritage, or cultural characteristics of the county, state, or nation.

☐ The property is the site of an historic event.

☐ The property is identified with a person or group of persons who influenced society.

☒ The property exemplifies the cultural, economic, social, political, or historic heritage of the county and its communities.

B. Architectural and design significance:

☒ The property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or architecture.

☐ The property represents the work of a master craftsman, architect, or builder.

☐ The property possesses significant artistic value.

☐ The property represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.

☐ The property represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood, community, or county, due to its singular physical characteristics, landscape, or historical event.

☐ The property is a rare example of a particular period, style, material, or construction technique.

10. Attach a statement describing the property, its historical significance, and the reasons why it should be designated to the Frederick County Register of Historic Places. At the end of the statement, please list your sources of information, including bibliographic references.

11. Signatures of owner(s) of record consenting to this nomination.

If there are more than two owners, please attach a separate sheet referencing Item 11 and provide the information indicated. If this is a district nomination involving several parcels and owners, please see detailed instructions.

A. Joan Paine Porter  
Printed Name

Joan Porter August 25, 2001  
Signature Date

B. Michael J. Wozny  
Printed Name

[Signature] August 25, 2001  
Signature Date

12. Name, address, phone number, and signature of person(s) submitting this nomination. Please attach additional sheets if necessary.

Name: Joan Paine Porter (+ Michael J. Wozny)

Address: 1213 Jefferson Pike

Knoxville, MD. 21759

Phone number: 301-834-5357 ; 202-565-7191 Joan-work

Joan P. Porter August 25, 2001  
Signature Date

PLEASE NOTE: Additional detailed information and photographs to support this nomination may be required.

Frederick County Historic Preservation Commission

*Property Description*

The former Methodist Episcopal Church of Petersville is a two-story, three-bay gable front building of local hard sandstone construction. The north gable elevation fronts onto Route 180. The ground level entrance porch is front gabled with an arched interior supported on two smooth Doric columns. The central entrance is surrounded by sidelights with lower panels and transom; the single pane sidelights have been painted over. The windows in the first and third bays of the lower story are six over six sash; the three smaller windows on the upper story are three over three sash. All windows have narrow wooden lintels. An arched vent opening is located in the front gable peak.

The building is three bays deep. On the west elevation each bay has a six over six sash window with narrow wooden lintel on the lower story. The east elevation has two six over six sash windows flanking a central entrance with a single light transom and narrow wooden lintel. The entrance and third (northern-most) window bay are covered by a shed-roofed porch supported with three narrow square columns on the corners and a single square column in the middle, on a poured concrete pad. Immediately south of the porch are inclined steel doors leading to the basement. Matching stone infill indicates the former location of smaller upper story windows on both the east and west elevations.

The south elevation has a projecting shed-roofed one-story section on the center bay, constructed of matching stone; the roof is standing seam metal. This would have served as the church's apse and has narrow, one over one sash windows on both side elevations (east and west). A six over six sash window is located in the third (eastern-most) bay of the lower story; this window is smaller in length and does not have the narrow wooden lintel found on all other windows in the building. A single six over six sash window with narrow wooden lintel is located in the first (western-most) bay of the upper story.

The roof is sheathed with painted pressed tin shingles and has a single row of snowbirds. Eaves overhang the north, east, and west elevations, but not the south elevation. Wooden roof returns are embedded in the stonework of the north and south elevations.

The interior of the building consists of a basement, first and second stories, and an attic. The building was converted from a church to domestic occupation ca. 1938. The congregation area of the church was subdivided into rooms, a stairway was added, the second story gallery and the attic enclosed.

The basement houses the furnace, etc. Floor joists for the first story are exposed and include unfinished round logs. Original straight-sawn floorboards are visible from the basement. Newer narrow width flooring was laid on top of the original floor when the church was converted to residential use. First and second story features all date to the



ca. 1938 conversion. The stairs have closed stringers with decorative molded panels and square paneled newel posts. Risers, handrail, and post crowns are stained natural wood; posts, panels, and balusters are painted. The church apse area was converted to a kitchen pantry. The wainscoting and shelving in the pantry, as well as original church molding and trim, are still intact.

A second floor was added in the residential conversion, or at least modified from the original church function. Bedrooms, storage area and a bathroom were part of the restructuring.

The attic has the exposed roof-truss system. The collar beams and the lower half of the rafters show evidence of a lath covering, indicating an earlier higher ceiling for the second story or possibly a false vaulted ceiling for the first story. A brick chimney, installed c. 1938 runs through the south-center of the attic. Cross-braces for the rafters were also installed after the removal of the earlier ceiling. The roof has well-finished interior sheathing, with narrow gauge boards tightly laid horizontally.

East of the main house is a c. 1938 concrete block garage with cast stone quoins. The building is wide enough to house two automobiles, however the front (north) elevation has only one wide bay covered with two folding wood panel and glass doors. A single six over six sash window is located in the west elevation. The roof is corroded standing seam metal sheets.

The property consists of two parcels. The stone house sits on a small rectangular parcel which fronts along the south side of Route 180 and terminates approximately four feet south of the building. The yard is enclosed with wire fence on unfinished wooden posts. Large boxwoods flank the north entrance porch; the yard contains flowering lilac and forsythia and one mature deciduous tree. The adjoining parcel to the east is longer and contains the garage.

### *Significance*

1341 Jefferson Pike, also known as the Methodist Episcopal Church of Petersville, is significant as an intact example of mid-nineteenth century stone construction of a public-use building. The Greek Revival styled gable-front building was apparently built c. 1850 as a 'Town Hall' by former Maryland governor Francis Thomas, then owner of much of Petersville and living on the nearby family estate, 'Montevue.' In 1860, the building was converted to a Methodist Episcopal Church; and to a Reformed Church in 1900. The building is significant also for the c. 1938 interior changes made to convert the structure to a residence. The little stone hall/church/house has a colorful history of adaptive use. Although the interior of the building saw dramatic changes with each adaptation, the exterior remained remarkably unchanged.



The small village of Petersville was located near the center of the 6300-acre *Merryland* tract, in the southwest corner of Frederick County. As with most early villages, the small gathering of houses and stores lined a well-traveled road known as the Frederick and Harpersferry Ridge Road. As early as 1808, Charles Varlé noted the location of Petersville on his map and the nearby 'plantations' and mills. Although not noted on the Varlé map, Col. John Thomas had purchased a large parcel of land in 1805 from Thomas Hawkins, part of Lots 8 and 9 of the *Merryland* tract and apparently including much of Petersville (referenced in Deed Book BFG 2, page 84). By 1819, Col. Thomas had constructed his mansion house, named Montevue for its glorious view of the mountains. In 1820, he sold a small parcel on the northeast edge of Petersville to the vestry of St. Mark's Episcopal Church for the erection of a new church building.

John Thomas raised a large family at Montevue, five girls and three boys including son Francis.<sup>1</sup> In 1842, at the age of 41, Francis Thomas became governor of Maryland. A difficult marriage and a public divorce resulted in his resignation as governor in 1845; Governor Thomas retired to his family home at Montevue where he reportedly lived quietly for many years.<sup>2</sup> In 1861, Thomas again returned to public life, active in the creation and recruitment of the Potomac Home Brigade of Maryland; in 1863 he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives as a Union supporter.<sup>3</sup>

During the period of Governor Thomas' hiatus it appears his activities were focused on family and money. His father, Col. John Thomas, died in August 1849, leaving a small portion of the family estate to his oldest daughter Eliza, the rest to be sold and the proceeds to be divided among the remaining heirs (Frederick Co. Will Book T.S. 1, page 32). In February 1850, Francis purchased his father's Montevue estate, minus the parcel sold to St. Mark's in 1820 and that given to Eliza in 1849, for \$18,270 (Deed Book WBT 11, page 71). The estate totaled more than 300 acres and reached as far east along the Frederick and Harpersferry Ridge Road as the St. Mark's Church property.

Throughout the 1850s, Francis Thomas presumably oversaw the cultivation of his estate, with the help of at least eleven slaves (Deed Book ES 4, page 498). It appears he also had constructed a 'Town Hall' for the village of Petersville, perhaps a political gathering place as well as social center for the rural population. Thomas also entered into as many as eight mortgage agreements during this period, including the mortgage of his eleven slaves, which appears to have forced him to declare insolvency in 1858 (Deed Book ES 10, page 667).

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<sup>1</sup> Col. John Thomas Last Will and Testament, Frederick Co. Will Book T.S. 1, page 32, written 1842, probated August 20, 1849.

<sup>2</sup> Gov. Francis Thomas vertical file, various newspaper clippings (uncited), Frederick Historical Society, Frederick, MD.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid; "Unionists Nominate Thomas for Congress," Valley News Echo, Vol. 4, No. 9, September 1863, reproduction copy, Gov. Francis Thomas vertical file, Frederick Historical Society, Frederick, MD.

Although his brush with bankruptcy apparently did not ruin Thomas politically or financially, it did end his association with the Petersville Town Hall.<sup>4</sup> On July 13, 1860, Lot No. 3 in Petersville, also known as the "Town Lot" or "Town Hall Lot," was sold by Thomas' trustee to Mrs. Mary Ann Kinna for \$125.50 (Deed Book BGF 6, page 17). The same day Mrs. Kinna subdivided Lot No. 3 into two parcels and resold them. The first lot was sold to the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church for \$150. The description of this parcel included the town hall building:

the property known as the 'Town Hall' situated in Petersville...and so much land therewith...running with the lines of the 'Town Hall Lot' and containing all thereof except that portion lying South of said house to within four feet of said hall...(Deed Book BGF 6, pp. 17-18).

The deed additionally specified that the property was to be used as a church. The adjoining parcel, "all that part of said lot No. 3 which lies South of a line running parallel with the South end of the Town Hall," was sold for \$105 to Emiline Mateny (Deed Book BGF 6, page 19).

Shortly after the purchase of the stone building by the Methodist Episcopal Church the Civil War broke out. The location in southern Frederick County along the east side of the South Mountain range and not far from several well-known Potomac River crossings ensured that the church would be witness to action. On September 14, 1862, during the South Mountain battle, a skirmish between Union and Confederate troops took place in the Petersville area.<sup>5</sup> Local physician, Dr. George Washington West, reportedly tended to the wounded at his nearby home as well as in the little stone M.E. Church.<sup>6</sup>

The Methodist Episcopal Church of Petersville was sold in 1900 to the Evangelical Reformed Church of Burkittsville. Included in the sale price of \$200 was "the church organ and furniture" (Deed Book DHH 11, page 5). Local Reformed Church members formed the Faith Reformed Church of Petersville, and in 1903 the church building was conveyed to the new congregation (Deed Book DHH 17, page 742). Writing in 1910, Williams noted that, "[t]he interior of the church was entirely remodeled and refurnished."<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Francis Thomas was forced to sell all of his property, according to Scharf's *History of Western Maryland*, Vol. 1, p. 620, he sold Montevue with approximately 300 acres to General Columbus O'Donnell in 1861.

<sup>5</sup> O.R., Series 1, Part 1, Vol. 19, p. 157.

<sup>6</sup> Taken from notes provided by owner, notes cite "Cooper" and records of Dr. George W. West found in his home.

<sup>7</sup> Williams, *History of Frederick County, Maryland*, Vol. 1, p. 476.

In 1938, "for reasons of abandonment," the church building was sold to Lloyd and Katie Roelke (Deed Book 411, page 557). The Roelkes converted the stone building to a residence, its final incarnation.

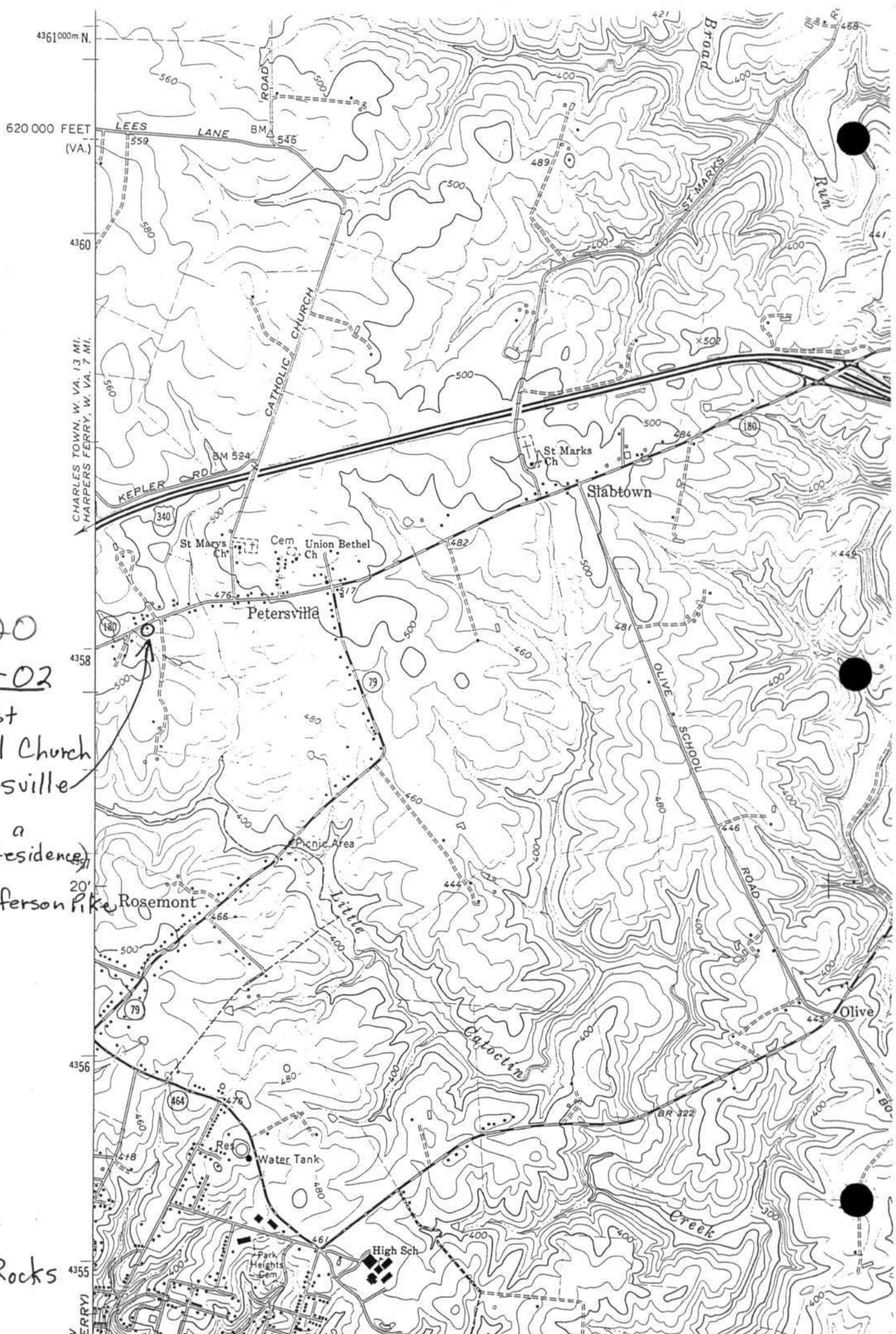
Although no physical description of the c. 1850 Petersville Town Hall has been found, architectural features of the stone building known as the Methodist Episcopal Church indicate that the church was probably an adaptive use of the original town hall building. The front-gabled orientation of the building was a common vernacular adaptation of the Greek Revival architectural style (c. 1830-1860).<sup>8</sup> Simple wooden window lintels and the above-door transom are also considered diagnostic of the Greek Revival era. The arched gable window, although more typically associated with the earlier Federal period, is often found as a transitional feature in Greek Revival and perhaps implies the earlier c. 1850 construction date.

The adaptation of the building to use as a church, which occurred in 1860 and again in 1903, resulted in the addition of the stone apse, second story side windows were infilled, and an apparent false vaulted ceiling installed; it is unknown when each individual change was made (1860 or 1903).

The 1938 adaptation as a residence again made dramatic changes to the interior of the building, but leaving the exterior appearance essentially intact. The building's interior was subdivided into rooms and a second floor and ceiling reinstalled. The paneled staircase, multi-pane 'french doors,' and pantry wainscoting are perhaps more typical of earlier, 1920s residences. These elements and the porch additions represent a late use of Craftsman and Colonial Revival stylistic features.

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<sup>8</sup> Virginia and Lee McAlester, *A Field Guide to American Houses*, (New York, NY: Alfred A. Knopf, 1997), p. 184.



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GR 01-02  
Methodist  
Episcopal Church  
of Petersville  
(currently a  
private residence)  
'341 Jefferson Pike  
F-2-20

Point of Rocks  
road



PETERSVIL



NOMINATED  
PROPERTY  
BOUNDARY

ADEL DEMIRAY  
1533/761  
201.96 A.  
P.15

HARRY W. S  
623 / 171  
177.23 A.  
P. 124

N. ROELKEY  
112/318  
112.5A.  
P. 104

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PETERSVILLE

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CASE NO. 1385-93F

NOTE: This location for title purposes only — not to be used for determining property lines. Property corner markers not guaranteed by this location.

(N.T.S) DENOTES NOT TO SCALE

NOTE: NO PROPERTY CORNERS FOUND.

NOTE: OFFSETS TAKEN FROM A  
PREVIOUS H.L.S. BY JOSEPH F  
BROWN; DATE 2-21-76 [see attached]LOCATION OF HOUSE  
PROPERTY OF  
J.M. & S. STEWART  
LIBER 981 FOLIO 939  
FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

HUD FLOOD PANEL NO: 240027-01758 ZONE IC

## CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE POSITION OF ALL THE  
EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS ON THE ABOVE DESCRIBED  
PROPERTY HAS BEEN CAREFULLY ESTABLISHED BY A  
TRANSIT-TAPE SURVEY AND UNLESS OTHERWISE  
SHOWN THERE ARE NO ENCROACHMENTS

  
DAVID L. HALLER  
MARYLAND R.P.L.S. No 240

## REFERENCES

PLAT BK.

PLAT NO.

LIBER 981

FOLIO 939

## HALLER ASSOCIATES

SURVEYING • ENGINEERING • PLANNING

(201) 863-1843 522 TRAIL AVENUE, FREDERICK, MARYLAND 21701

DATE OF SURVEY

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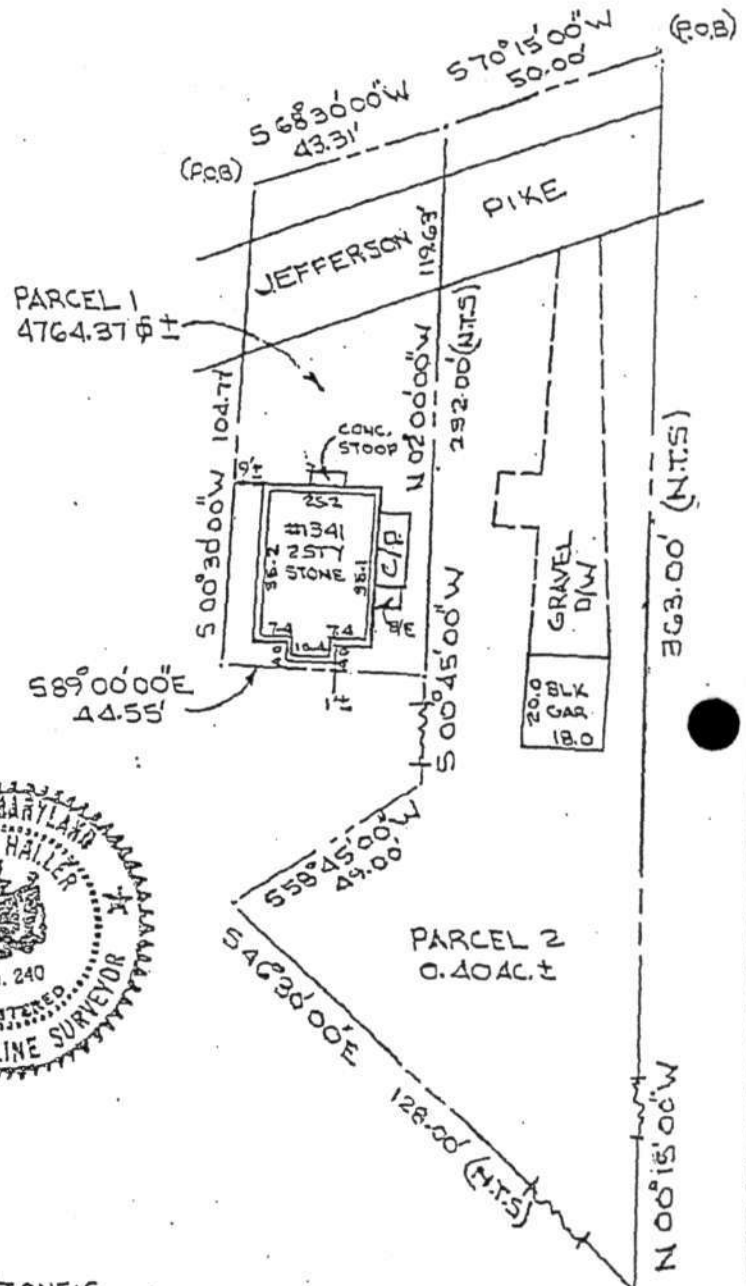
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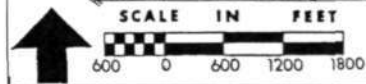
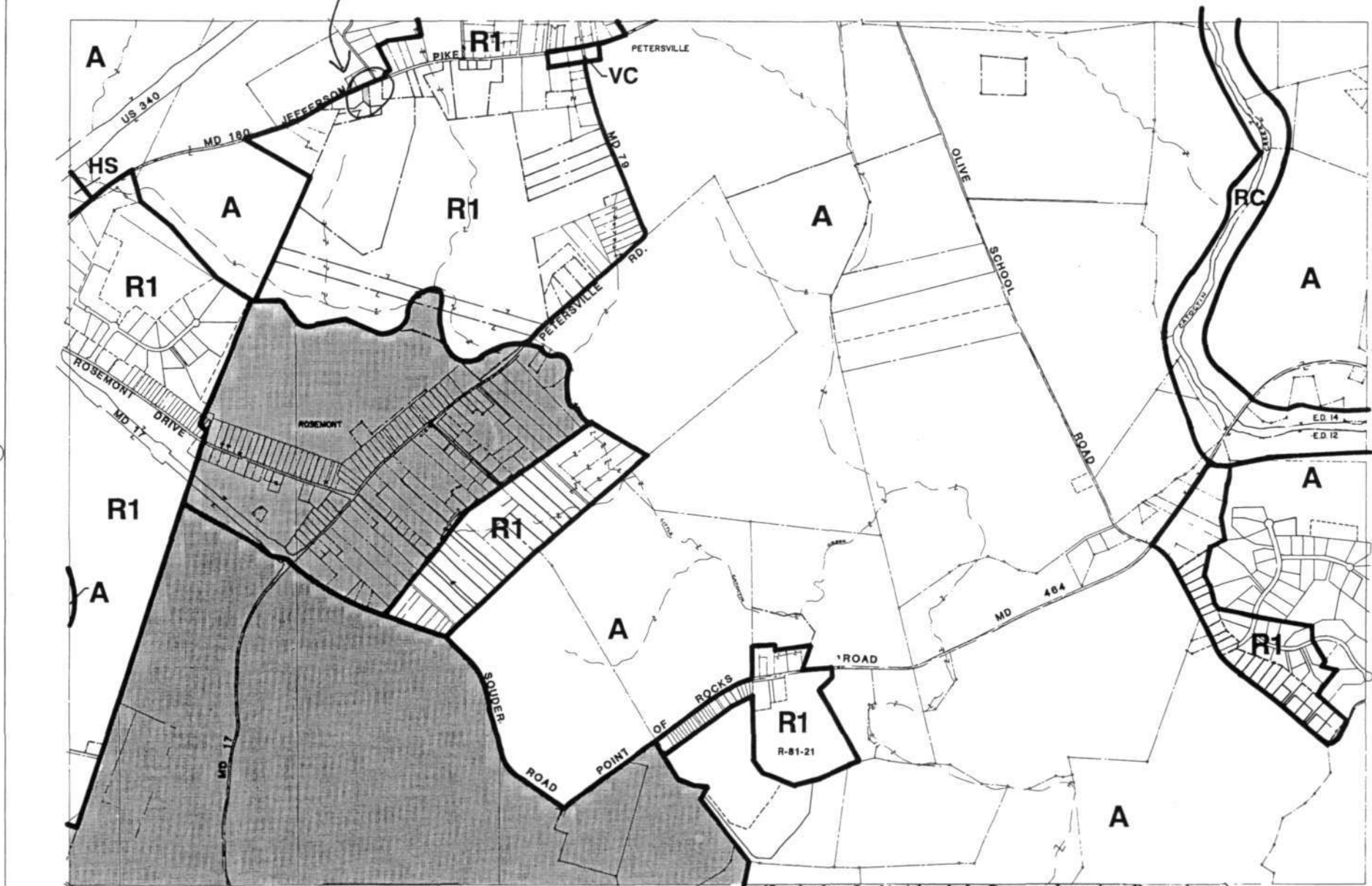
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BOUNDARY



CR 01-02 Methodist Episcopal Church of Petersville



FREDERICK COUNTY ZONING MAP

(Includes Individual & Comprehensive Rezoning)

RC- Resource Conservation	R-5- Residential	M- Mobile Home Park	MM- Mineral Mining
A- Agricultural	R-8- Residential	VC- Village Center	LI- Limited Industrial
R-1- Residential	R-12- Residential	HS- Highway Service	GI- General Industrial
R-9- Residential	R-16- Residential	GC- General Comm.	ORI- Office Research Industrial
PUD- Planned Unit Dev.			

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MAP NO. 92

FREDERICK CO.

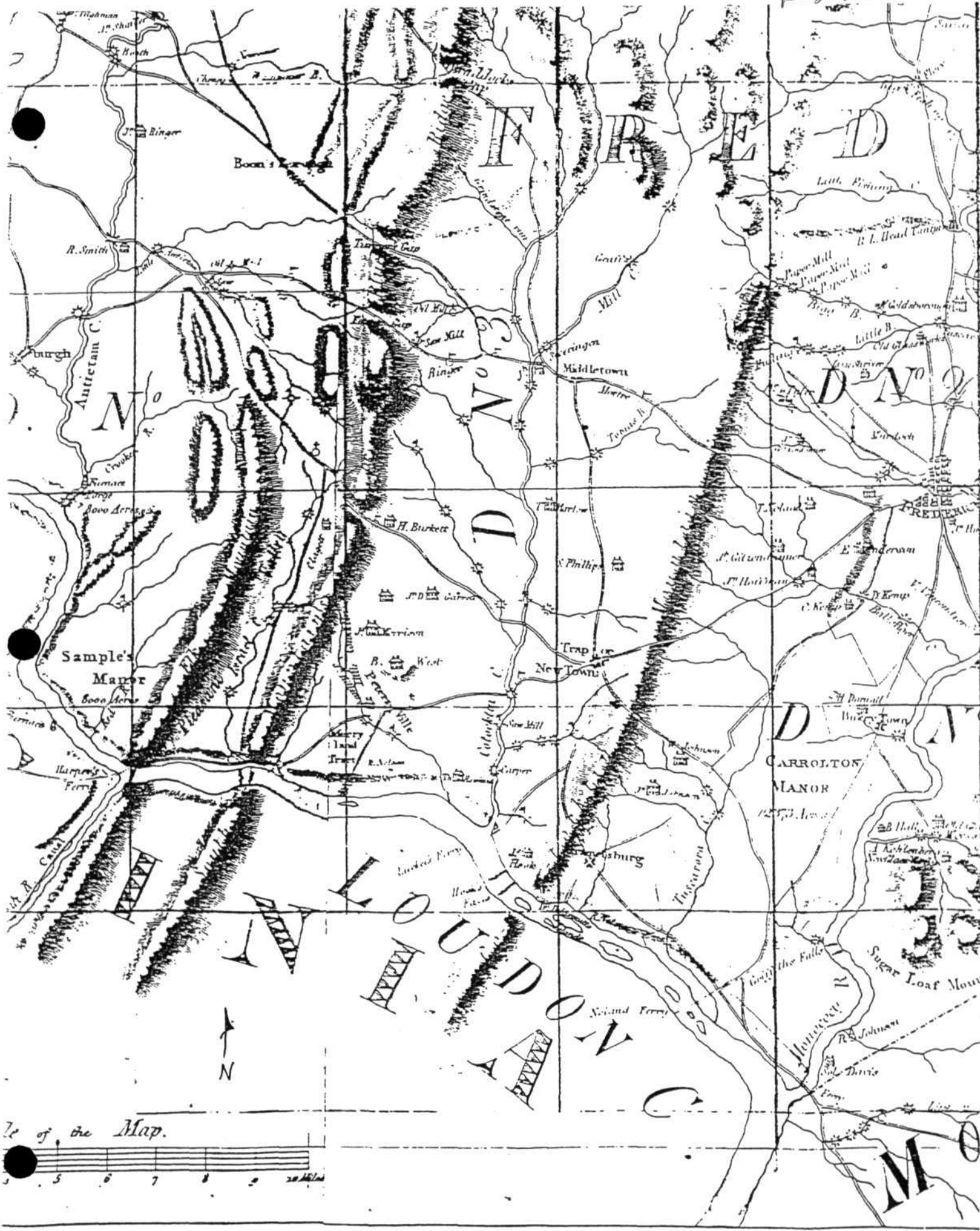
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Scale: 1" = 40' Feb. 15, 19



Charles Varlé, 1808  
MAP OF FREDERICK AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES, M

Districts Nos. 10 and 8, and the northwest parts of 2, 4, 5 and 15, are mountainous, producing little but timber, except in the rich and beautiful Harbaugh and Eyler Valleys, about Wolfsville and Wolf's-tavern, and in a few other spots.

Nos. 16, 3, 12 and 14, form the hilly but productive and picturesque Middletown Valley. All the foregoing predominate in Epidote, Mica Slate, or Sandstone, interspersed with Iron, Copper, &c.

East of the Cotoctin Mountain come the "Red Lands,"—a narrow strip through Nos. 1 and 2, containing much Calico Marble; but extending over all the eastern parts of Nos. 4, 5 and 15, the northwest parts of 11, 17 and Carroll County, and formed from Red Clay Slates or Shales; rolling or hilly, and variable in productiveness, with Limestone near Mechanicstown, and rich Iron ore three miles south.

The eastern portions of 1 and 2, with the northwest of 13 and southwest of 11, form a rich and level or beautifully rolling Limestone valley.

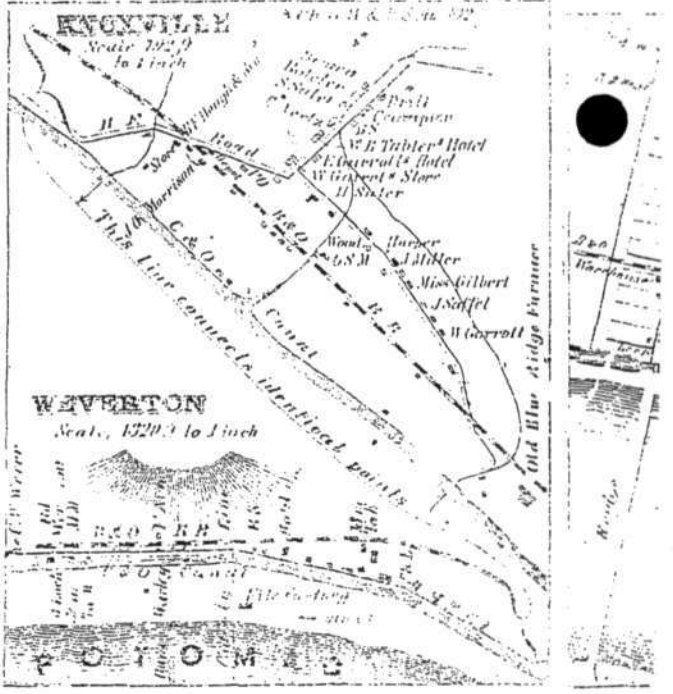
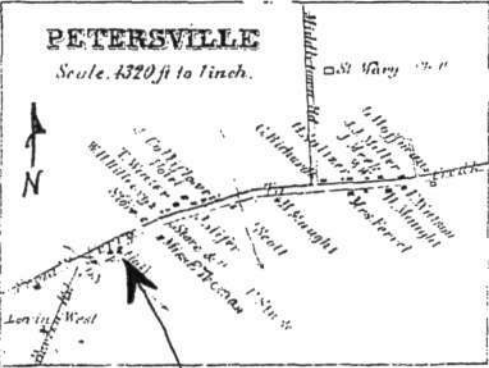
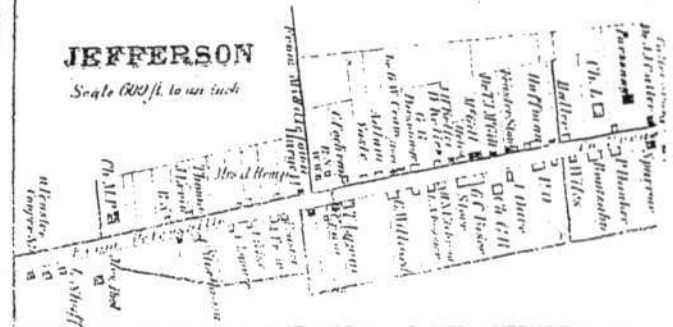
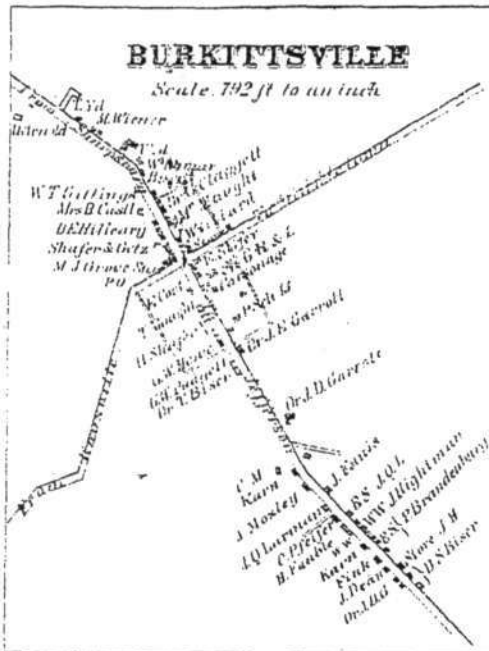
The remainder of the County is hilly or very hilly, composed of various kinds of Slate, interspersed with Limestone, Iron, Sandstone, &c., with Copper near Liberty. It is of every grade of fertility, from the unsurpassed valleys of Linganore, Beaver Dam, Pipe Creek and Sam's Creek, to the sterile hills east of Israel's Creek and near the rugged Sugar Loaf Mountain, and the "Parr's."

An almost unbroken ridge passes east of Summitburg; west of Woodsborough and Pleasant, &c.

FOR CHILDREN'S FIRST LESSONS ABOUT HOME.—Spread the map upon a table or clean floor with the right hand side toward the sunrise, and the left hand side toward the sunset, to make it correspond with the country. The bottom and top may be rolled up to within 6 inches or a foot of home, to admit of getting near that part.

Then the learners should look over the map in a line with home and every place they notice, and thus learn to point out its direction from home, &c.

They should not be wearied with long lessons, but should dwell upon a few things at a time, till they are well fixed in the mind; remembering that 5 new facts or clear ideas every day, will amount to more than 1500 in a year, or 15000 in 10 years, while scarcely 5000 important ones are found in the whole geography of the whole world.



"HALL" (1341 Jefferson Pike)

Isaac Bond, 1858  
MAP OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MD.

# LEWISTOWN

(Cragerstown Dist.)

Scale 27 Rods to an Inch.



# NEW LONDON

(New Market Dist.)

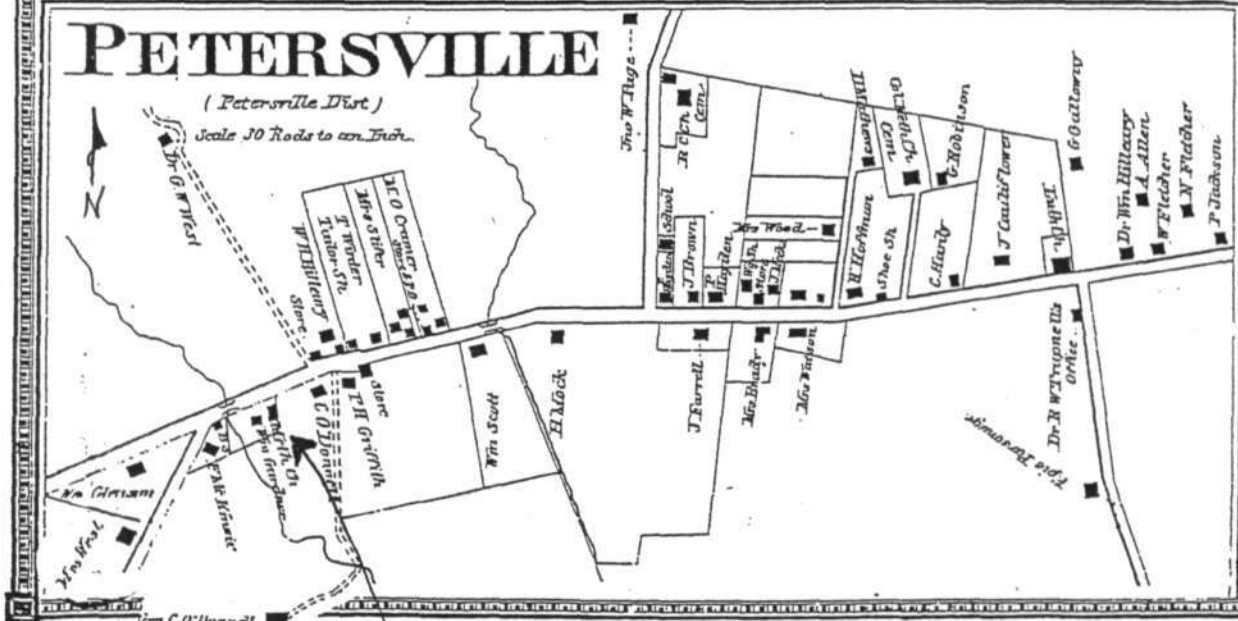
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# PETERSVILLE

(Petersville Dist.)

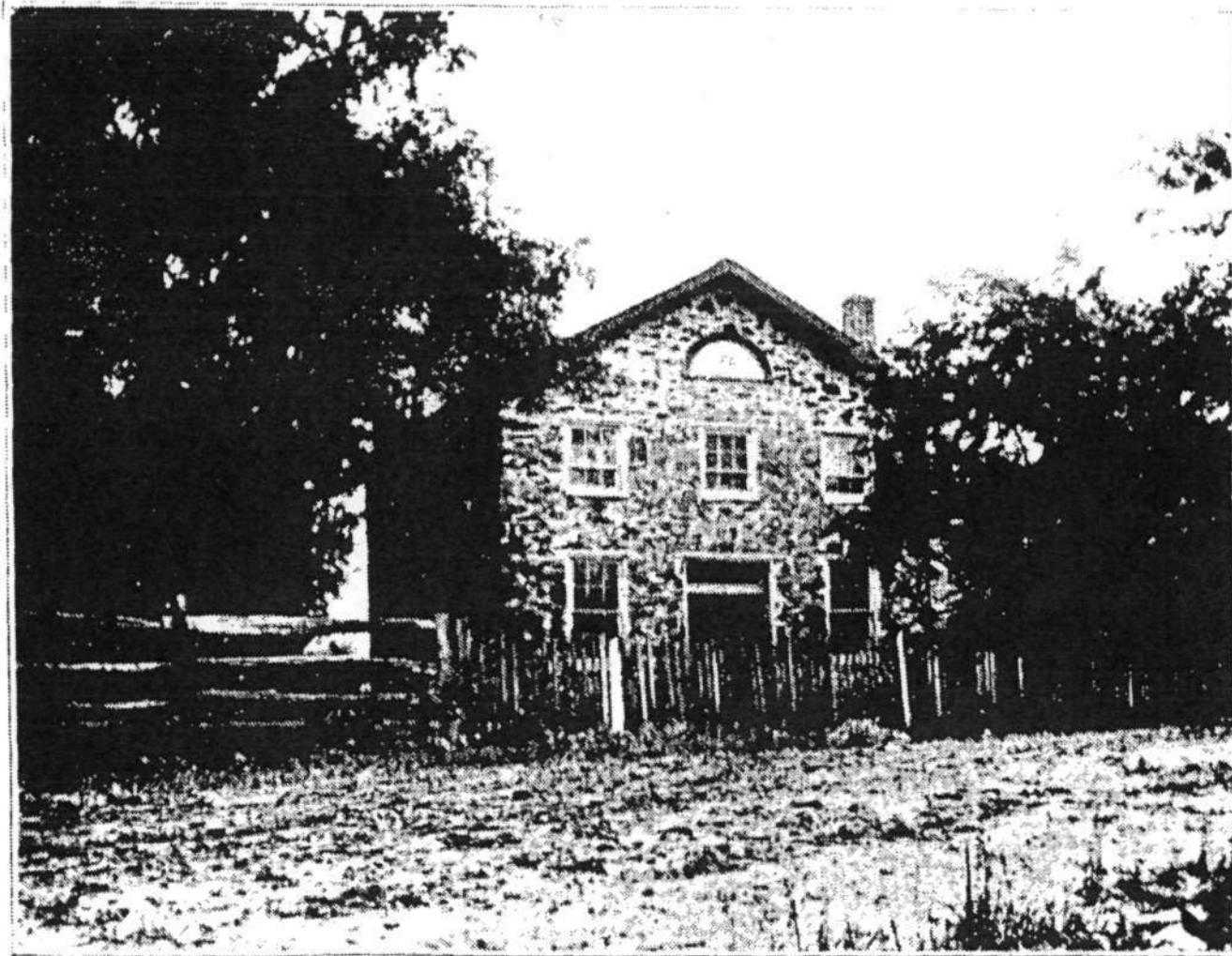
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Methodist Episcopal Church  
(1341 Jefferson Pike)

C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick County, 18  
Detail of Petersville Map





Faith Reformed Church, Petersville.

FROM WILLIAMS, HISTORY OF FREDERICK CO., VOL. I, p. 440

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 0.51  
Acreage of historical setting 0.12  
Quadrangle name Point of Rocks

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

## 11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paula S. Reed, Ph. D., Architectural Historian		
organization	Paula S. Reed and Associates, Inc.	date	August 2001
street & number	1 W. Franklin St., Suite 100	telephone	301-739-2070
city or town	Hagerstown	state	MD 21740

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
Maryland Department of Planning  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600





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Methodist Episcopal Church of Petersville

1341 Jefferson Pike

Petersville

Frederick Co., MD

P. Reed

May 2001

Paula Reed & Assoc., Hagerstown, MD

North elevation, view S from Rt. 180

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M.E. Church of Petersville

1341 Jefferson Pike

Petersville

Frederick Co., MD

P. Reed

May 2001

Paula Reed & Assoc., Hagerstown, MD

West elevation, view SE from Rt. 180

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Frederick Co. MD

P. Reed

May 2001

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East elevation, view W

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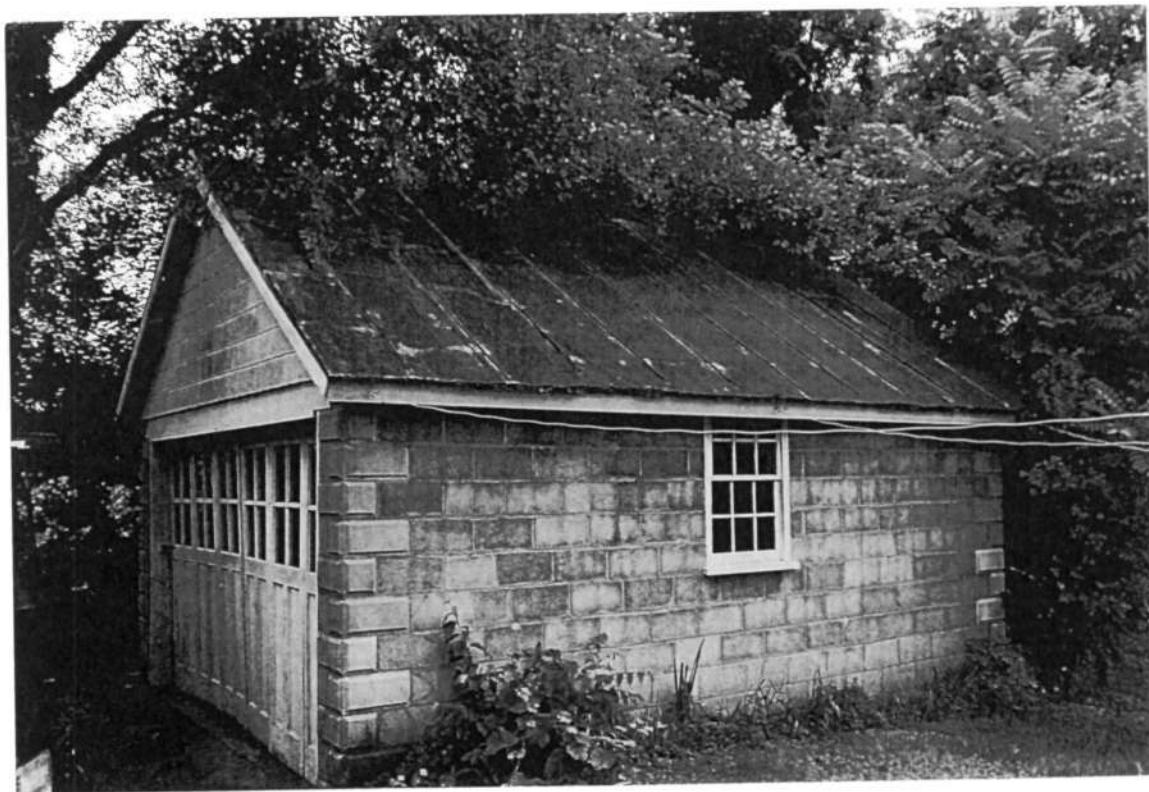
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South and East elevations, view NW  
from adjoining east parcel

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house interior, stairway, view of  
east wall entrance

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garage, north and west elevations,

view SE

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Methodist Episcopal Church of Petersville  
Petersville  
Private

The Methodist Episcopal Church of Petersville is significant architecturally as one of few stone buildings in the community and as the house of worship for three consecutive congregations.

The building was constructed soon after Mary A. Kinna sold the "town lot" to the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Petersville.

The congregation used the building until December 8, 1900 it was decided that the building would be sold "including the church organ and furniture" for \$200.00 to the Evangelical Reformed Church of Burkittsville.

The Burkittsville congregation held the property until the Reformed Church of Petersville organized themselves into the Faith Reformed Church of Petersville once again purchasing the building "together with the church organ and church furniture in the building."

The building is four bays deep. Double hung 6/6 windows with narrow wood lintels occupy each bay on the first level. Originally similar windows were located on the second level but must have been removed and filled in with matching random stone wall material when the building was converted to a residence in the 1930's.

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Methodist Episcopal Church of Petersville

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

South Side Route 180

CITY, TOWN

Petersville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES RESTRICTED☒ YES UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME John and Sharon Stewart

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Petersville

VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 981

Folio #: 939

STREET &amp; NUMBER

North Court St.

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE



## 7 DESCRIPTION

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### CONDITION

—EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
—FAIR

—DETERIORATED  
—RUINS  
—UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

—UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
—MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

#### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Methodist Episcopal Church of Petersville is a rectangular two story random stone building which sits diagonally on the south side of Route 180 in Petersville facing northwest.

The principal facade is three bays wide. The main entrance located in the second bay is a replaced door with large oval glass insert flanked by single light side lights with under panels and three light transom. The side lights have been painted.

Occupying the remaining bays on the first level are original double hung 6/6 windows with narrow wood lintels. Located over each bay on the second level are horizontal 3/3 windows with narrow wood lintels. A segmented elliptical window which has been boarded closed is centered in the front gable.

The building is four bays deep. Double hung 6/6 windows with narrow wood lintels occupy each bay on the first level. Originally similar windows were located on the second level but must have been removed and filled in with matching random stone wall material when the building was converted to a residence in the 1930's.

The northeast side of the building is also four bays deep. A simple rear entrance with oval glass door matching the front door and single light transom is located in the third bay.

Double hung 6/6 windows with narrow wood lintels occupy the remaining bays on the first level. Similar windows were located on the second level but like the opposite side have been closed by matching wall material.

A shed roofed porch extends along the north side of the building.

A small tin shed roof stone transept extends one bay deep to the rear of the building. Small narrow double hung 1/1 stained glass windows are located on either side of the transept. One double hung 6/6 window with narrow wood lintel is located on either side of the transept on the east gable wall in the upper southwest corner and lower northeast corner of the wall.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES C. 1860

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The building was constructed soon after Mary A. Kinna sold the "town lot" to the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Petersville, James L. Higgins, C. E. Thomas, John Morgan, Cornelius Wertes and Fielder Thomson.<sup>1</sup>

The congregation used the building until on December 8, 1900 it was decided that the building would be sold "including the church organ and furniture" for \$200.00 to the Evangelical Reformed Church of Burkittsville.<sup>2</sup>

The Burkittsville congregation held the property until the Reformed Church of Petersville organized themselves into the Faith Reformed Church of Petersville once again purchasing the building "together with the church organ and church furniture in the building."<sup>3</sup>

In 1938, "for reasons of abandonment" the Maryland Classis Synod of Potomac of the Reformed Church sold the building to Lloyd and Katie Roelke who converted it into a private residence.<sup>4</sup> It has been used as a residence since that time.

<sup>1</sup>Frederick County Land Records, Liber BGF 6; Folio 17.

<sup>2</sup>Ibid., Liber DHH 11; Folio 5.

<sup>3</sup>Ibid., Liber DHH 17; Folio 742.

<sup>4</sup>Ibid., Liber 411; Folio 557.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

clh

Cherilyn E. Widell, Coordinator

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation

8/1/80

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

12 E. Church St., Winchester Hall

694-1063

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Frederick

Maryland

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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21 NW  
DYSVILLE

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

POINT OF ROCKS QUAD

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39°22'30"

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277

35'

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279 (MIDDLETOWN)

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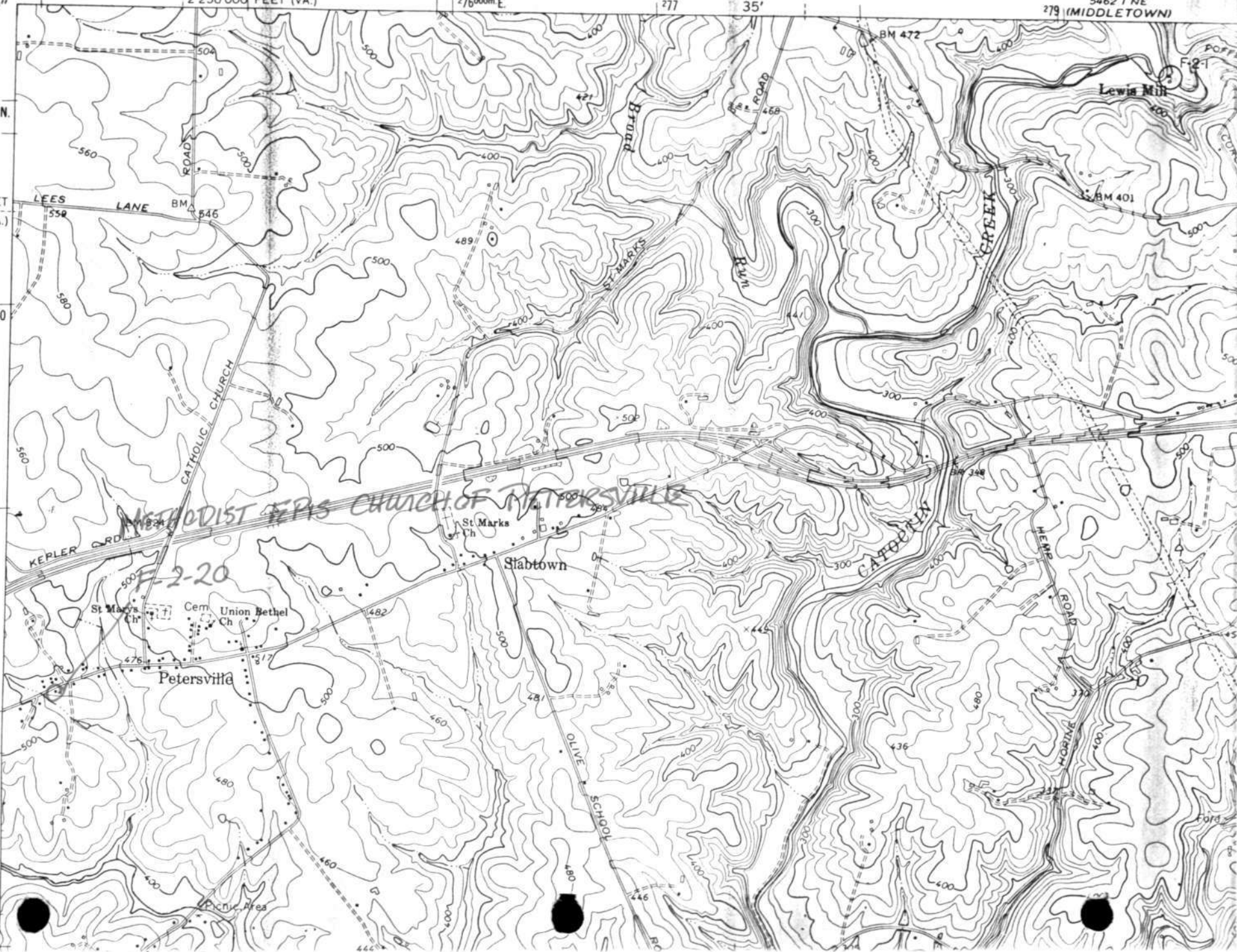
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(VA.)

4360

4358

4357

20'





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S/S Rte 189

PETERSVILLE

CREW 6/80

NW ELEV







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METHODIST EPIS CHURCH OF  
PETERSVILLE

S/o Rte 180

Petersville

CPW 6/80

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